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## APPLICATION OF

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A TWO-LAYER COATING BUILDUP

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.**

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